HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES RULE STATEWIDE TRANSITION PLAN POSTING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

HHSC plans to submit an update to the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) statewide transition plan (STP) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The updates include responses to CMS' feedback received in summer 2016. These updates are mainly to clarify and strengthen components of the STP and to help the state obtain federal approval of the STP. The updated STP will be located on the HHSC-Website on Oct. 17, 2016. If you'd like to send comments regarding the updated STP, send them to

Medicaid HCBS Rule@hhsc.state.tx.us. The comment period is open from Oct. 17, 2016, through Oct. 21, 2016, at 5 p.m. Because of a short submission deadline, comments provided will be considered in future updates to the STP. HHSC will update the STP in the spring of 2017 and will include more substantive changes. The 2017 STP updates will be posted for the full 30 days to allow for public comment and inclusion of comments in the update.